(b) whether the production has increased in comparison to the last two years *i.e.* 2004-05 and 2005-06, the comparative figures thereof, item-wise and year-wise;

(c) if not, the reasons therefor; and

(d) the list of items of agriculture products which were banned for export due to shortage in the country from time to time?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI KANTILAL BHURIA): (a) to (c) Table beldw shows the production of wheat, rice, jowar, bajra, pulses, onion and potato during 2004-05,2005-06 and 2006-07:

(Million Tonnes)

Crop	2004-05	2005-06	2006-07*
Wheat	68.64	69.35	73.70
Rice	83.13	91.79	91.05
Jawar	7.24	7.63	7.63
Bajra	7.93	7.68	8.27
Pulses	13.13	13.39	14.10
Onion	6.43	8.68	Not Available
Potato	23.63	23.91	Not Available

*As per 3rd advance estimates released on 04.04.2007

Production during 2006-07 as compared to that during 2004-05 and 2005-06 has increased for the above commodities barring a marginal fall for rice. Production data of onion and potato for 2006-07 are not available.

(d) The agriculture products which were prohibited for export for varying periods of time during the last one year are pulses (except Kabuli chana), wheat and sugar.

National Horticulture Mission

2747. MS. MABEL REBELLO:
SHRI SANTOSH BAGRODIA:

Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) the elements of the National Horticulture Mission;

(b) the cultivations included thereunder;

(c) whether the orange cultivation has been included in it;

(d) if so, whether Government have taken into cognizance the plight of the orange cultivators of Jhalawar due to lack of storage and upgraded marketing infrastructure;

(e) the steps being taken to upgrade the storage and marketing infrastructure there; and

(f) the details of the steps taken by Government to encourage the food processing unit in that region?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI 'KANT! LAL BHURIA): (a) The main elements of National Horticulture Mission (NHM) are production and distribution of planting material, establishment of new gardens, rejuvenation of senile plantations, creation of water resources, protected cultivation, promotion of Integrated Nutrient Management/Integrated Pest Management, organic farming, Human Resource Development through training and visits, development of post harvest management infrastructure such as cold storages, pack houses, refrigerated vans, mobile processing units and setting up of marketing infrastructure involving rural markets, Terminal/whole sale markets and functional infrastructure for markets.

(b) Under the NHM the cultivation of crops include perennial *viz.* Mango, Guava, Orange, Kinnow, Pomegranate, Sapota, Litchi, Aonla, Ber, Bael, Cashew, Cocoa, etc., non-perennial fruits *viz.* Banana, Pineapple, Papaya, Strawberry, flowers—Cut flowers, Bulbous flowers, and Loose flowers, Aromatic and Medicinal plants.

(c) Yes, Sir.

(d) In Jhalawar district of Rajasthan, Mandarin Orange is one of the focus crop taken up for development under NHM. The Government of Rajasthan is encouraging the entrepreneurs to set up post harvest management infrastrucutre like pack houses, refrigerated vans and small processing units by providing financial assistance in addition to NHM assistance. The State Government is also establishing a commodity specific market for Mandarin Orange at Bhavani mandi, Jhalawar.

(e) Two Orange grading and waxing units have been established at Jhalawar. One cold storage has been constructed in Kota district at Jhalawar road which is 40 kilometers from Jhalawar. Besides, an Action Plan has been drawn for the over all development of agriculture and allied activities in Jhalawar district during Eleventh Plan period.

(f) The Government of Rajasthan had made provisions for extending financial assistance to the entrepeneurs @50% of the capital cost of project subject to a maximum of Rs. 5.00 lakh per unit for setting up of horticulture produce based processing units.

Livestock insurance project in Kerala

2748. SHRI K.E. ISMAIL: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether a livestock insurance project is implemented in two districts, w'z., Alappuzha and Palakkad in Kerala;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) whether Government have any plan to extend the project to other districts in the State?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI TASLIMUDDIN): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The Livestock Insurance Scheme has been implemented in 100 selected districts across the country on pilot basis during the years 2005-06 and 2006-07. Under the scheme, the Central Government provided 50% subsidy on the insurance premium for insuring crossbred and high yielding cattle and buffaloes.

In Alappuzha district, 19.967 crossbred cattle and, 30 buffaloes have been insured with an expenditure of Rs. 45.00 lakh on premium subsidy. In Palakkad district, 32,340 crossbred cattle and 6 buffaloes have been insured with an expenditure of Rs. 44.06 lakh on premium susbidy.

(c) The scheme is being proposed to continue in the same form in these two districts during 2007-08 and 2008-09. The extension and expansion of scheme in other districts of Kerala may be considered on critical evaluation of impact of scheme during the pilot period.